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**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Julien Xavier Neals, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
District of New Jersey  
MLK Jr. Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse  
50 Walnut Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

**ORDER**

Re: *James Shea, et al. v. State of New Jersey, et al.*  
Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-21196-JXN-ESK

Dear Judge Neals:

This Office represents Defendants, the State of New Jersey, Matthew J. Platkin (in his official capacity as Attorney General of New Jersey), and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission (collectively “State Defendants”) in the above-referenced matter. With the consent of Plaintiffs, we write to seek a thirty-day extension of the deadline to respond to the complaint.

Plaintiffs served the State Defendants with the complaint on October 18, 2023. After receiving a first extension of fourteen-days, the current deadline for the State Defendants to respond is November 22, 2023. (ECF 3). The State Defendants now seek an additional thirty-day extension, with Plaintiffs’ consent, in light of a several competing deadlines this month. If granted, **the new deadline for the State Defendants to respond to the complaint will be December 22, 2023.**

Thank you for Your Honor’s time and consideration of this request.



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Respectfully submitted,

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**So Ordered.**

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Edward S. Kiel, U.S.M.J.  
Date: November 17, 2023